

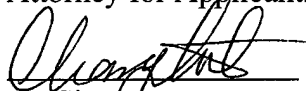
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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the October 12, 2005 Office Action received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A petition for one (1) month extension of time for filing the Reply is submitted herewith along with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). Please consider the following remarks in response to the pending rejections. No amendment is being filed with this response.